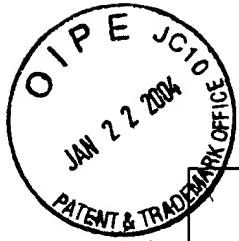


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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

This Supplemental Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003. In that Office Action, the Examiner held Applicants' Amendment filed August 22, 2003 non-responsive for allegedly including claims that "substantially change the subject matter of the invention" because language

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related to derivatized collagen had been removed from the broadest claims (November 19, 2003 Office Action at page 2). In order to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants submit this Supplemental Amendment in which language directed toward derivatized collagen has been retained. In order to clarify the status of the claim amendments, the claims as amended below are amended as if the August 22, 2003 amendment had not yet been entered. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that it be entered and fully considered by the Examiner. The period for response to the Office Action has been extended through January 19, 2004, by a request for extension of time and fee payment filed contemporaneously herewith. Please amend the above-captioned application, as follows: